

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department – Collection of Net Present Value (NPV) for the forest lands diverted for non-forestry purposes under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Revised orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY(For.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 124

Dated:27-07-2010.

Read the following:-

- 1.G.O. MS No. 105, EFS&T (For.I) Dept. dated. 13-9-2004.
- 2.Order from Hon'ble S.C. of India in IA Nos. 826 and others in W.P.(C) No.202 of 1995 dt. 28-3-2008 received from Asst. Registrar, Supreme Court of India D.No.597/1995/SC/PILC dt.15-5-2008.
- 3.From Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.1139/2009/F4, Dt. 21.05.2010

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, orders have been issued for collection of Net Present Value (NPV) within three broad categories which are created on the basis of types of forests within the prescribed Net Present Value range between Rs.5.80 lakhs per hectare and Rs.9.20 lakhs per hectare as detailed therein.

2. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the reference 2nd read above, while accepting the recommendations of the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) has observed that the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) has classified the forests, taking in view the ecological role and value of the forests and for the purpose of the report, 16 major forest types have been further grouped in to 6 ecological classes depending upon their ecological functions and recommended for collection of Net Present Value (NPV) each category wise.

3. In compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P, Hyderabad in the letter 3rd read above, has requested for issue of revised orders for collection of Net Present Value (NPV) based on the latest orders of the Supreme Court of India.

4. After careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, with reference to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and in supersession of the orders issued in the reference 1st read above, the Government hereby order for collection of Net Present Value (NPV) from the user agencies, for the forest lands diverted for non-forestry purposes under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as indicated in the table below:

(Rs. In lakhs)

Category	Description	Very Dense Forest	Dense Forest	Open Forest
Eco- Class I	Consisting of Tropical West Evergreen Forests, Tropical Semi Evergreen Forests and Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests.	10,43,000	9,39,000	7,30,000

Eco- Class II	Consisting of Littoral and Swamp Forests	10,43,000	9,39,000	7,30,000
Eco- Class III	Consisting of Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests	8,87,000	8,03,000	6,26,000
Eco- Class IV	Consisting of Tropical Thorn Forests and Tropical Dry Evergreen Forests	6,26,000	5,63,000	4,38,000
Eco- Class V	Consisting of Sub-tropical Broad Leaved Hill Forests, Sub-Tropical Pine Forests and Sub Tropical Dry Evergreen Forests	9,39,000	8,45,000	6,57,000
Eco- Class VI	Consisting of Montane Wet Temperate Forests, Himalayan Moist Temperate Forests, Himalayan Dry Temperate Forests, Sub Alpine Forests, Moist Alpine Scrub and Dry Alpine Scrub.	9,91,000	8,97,000	6,99,000

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter. Strict instructions shall be issued to the field officers concerned to identify the correct category of forest types while recommending the cases for diversion of forest lands under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JANAKI R. KONDAPI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
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The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
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All Departments in Secretariat
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